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Photo by Sara McKee

Not-so perfect prom The car crash reenactment took place May 10 when students acted out a drunk driving accident. The scenario involved the extractions from the cars, and one 'passenger' was placed in a body bag after 'the prom accident.'

Car crash reenactment promotes sober driving

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Prom is in the air, and while most students are busy planning pictures, dinner, and the after party, it seems the most life-altering part of the night has become the transportation between locations. Because nearly two-thirds of automobile fatalities involve the use of alcohol during prom and the graduation season, Student Assistance Coordinator and Social Worker John Schwaller teamed up with the administration, students, teachers, the police, and the fire department to present a car crash reenactment to seniors May 10 on the football field, and a presentation from a panel of victims from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (A.A.I.M) for juniors May 12 in the Mall Auditorium.

"This event has been three years in the planning. The reason we have waited for so

long is because we did not want it to be haphazard. We wanted to do it the best we could. We did not want to make it so gory that people were nauseous, but we did not want it to be so fake that the audience could not really feel the importance of the situation," said Schwaller.

The reenactment started with six myths that were read to the audience. After the reading, the car crash between the 'intoxicated driver and a sober driver,' both with additional passengers, occurred. Two ambulances and a police car were involved. The paramedics and the police were instructed to approach the reenactment as if it were a real situation in order to give the show a realistic feeling.

"It has been proven that because of brain development, the 'Don't Drink and Drive' message may be ineffective without visual aids and auditory elements," said Schwaller.

Students from the Peer Helpers group,

Students for a Drug Free Tomorrow, who acted in the presentation included Seniors Terry Brooks, Nicole Ratliff, Carmella Cain, Brianna Hornback and Phil Biedron and Junior Greg Matushek. "It is a great experience to be able to present this to the senior class. It is obviously a relevant topic and especially at this time of year with the increase of accidents," said Brooks, who plays the intoxicated driver during the reenactment.

A.A.I.M, the junior presentation, was held in the auditorium and included a panel of two people who have lost someone in a drunk driving accident, two former students who were involved in a drunk driving accident and one speaker who, while drinking and driving, killed a person in an accident.

"If we have stopped two or even one person from drinking and driving, then we have done our [job]," said Schwaller.



Courtesy of JR Rose

Students perform annual Spring Play, *On the Razzle*

H-F's Theater Department performed their Spring Play, *On the Razzle*, by Tom Stoppard, May 4 to May 6 in the Mall Auditorium.

The comedy is about a shopkeeper named Zangler, played by Senior Austin Smith, who travels to Vienna. His employees, Weinburl, played by Senior Phil Biedron, and Christopher, played by Senior Caitlin Ho, also go to Vienna for a day off without Zangler's knowledge while they are supposed to be watching the shop. Zangler's niece, Marie, played by Junior Abby Cullen, wants to marry a man named Sonders played by Junior Steve McQuown; however, Zangler disapproves because he has no money. Through twisted plots, characters attempt to avoid Zangler and the farce begins.

The Spring Play was the first performance held in the newly renovated auditorium.

By Sara McKee, Staff Writer

Rich Central, H-F students trade schools

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For the first time in H-F history, students participated in an exchange program with students from Rich Central High School, in Park Forest, Illinois, from May 2 to May 3. Members of Student Government visited Rich Central May 2, and a combination of Rich Central newspaper editors, Student Government members and other students visited H-F May 3.

Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Rich Central newspaper, Zon D'Amour, sent a letter to Principal Von Mansfield in January requesting the student exchange. D'Amour, along with Rich Central Sophomore Ariel Jullian, also contacted other schools and set up appointments to have other student exchanges with T-F North High School in March and New Trier Township High School earlier this week.

Rich Central hired a new principal this year, John Macon, and under his leadership the school has seen the return of old policies in addition to new ones. Students at the school began to compare the policies implemented under his leadership to that of other schools, such as H-F, and from this inquiry, the idea of having a student exchange between other schools was formed. The main goal of having these exchanges was to compare policies and observe how other schools operate.

During the exchange, students from one school shadowed students from the other school as they went through their daily school routines. In relation to the student body, H-F representatives noticed a more apparent diversity level at H-F than at Rich Central. According to the Rich Central 2005 School Report Card, 90.6 percent of Rich Central students are black, 5.6 percent are white, and 2.6 percent are Hispanic. The student population of H-F, according to the H-F 2005 School Report Card, is 47.8 percent white, 46.4 percent black and 3.4 percent Hispanic.

"There is a lot more diversity here at H-F. The kids [at Rich Central] basically dress the same [as] kids at H-F do...but it was just the diversity that was probably the main thing [that was different]," said Junior Class President Jillian Singleton.

This was only one of the many differences between the two schools. At Rich Central, students must wear school identification around their necks, are not allowed to wear their backpacks during the school day, and have five-minute passing periods. Classes are divided into ten periods, which include lunch and seven 50-minute periods, beginning at 8:10 am and ending at 3:10 pm. While some Rich Central students visiting H-F had to adjust to the walk between buildings, H-F students visiting Rich Central were surprised by the size of the school relative to H-F.

"I thought it was just a little bit smaller than H-F [prior to the exchange]...It is really tiny; it is probably the size of North Building," said Junior Class Treasurer Alyzza Dill.

The tardy policy at Rich Central also differs greatly from H-F's policy. There are two scenarios for students not present in their classes once the bell rings; students have a pass, or they do not get into their classroom. Instead of passes being handed out on separate sheets of paper by teachers,

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